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FORMER CAREGIVER CONVICTED OF ASSAULT

Washington, D.C. – James A. Little, Jr., a former employee of Innovative Life Solutions, a District of Columbia residential provider for persons with cognitive disabilities, was found guilty of assaulting a vulnerable person in his care, United States Attorney Ronald C. Machen, Jr. and District of Columbia Inspector General Charles J. Willoughby announced today.

Little, age 49, of Washington, D.C., was found guilty of assault after trial before the Honorable Harold Cushenberry, Jr. in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. He will be sentenced on July 12, 2010.

According to testimony at trial, on January 19, 2010, Little was caring for the adult victim, who has a cognitive disability. Witnesses who worked in the area where the assault occurred testified they saw the defendant use his hand to hit the victim two to five times about the head, shoulder, and hands.

In announcing the conviction, U.S. Attorney Machen and Inspector General Willoughby praised the work of Investigator Jonathan Rich of the Office of the Inspector General Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU), and Metropolitan Police Department Officer William Burke for their investigation of the criminal neglect. Mr. Machen and Mr. Willoughby also commended the work of Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard DiZinno and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Jacqueline N. Schesnol of the MFCU, who jointly prosecuted the case.